

An aerial night photograph of a port development along a river. A large bridge spans the river in the background. The foreground shows a newly developed area with parking lots, roads, and some buildings, all illuminated by streetlights. The sky is dark with some light from the city and the bridge. Overlaid on the top of the image are several large, flowing, semi-transparent shapes in shades of blue, red, and white.

GREENFIELD PUBLIC PORT DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHEAST MISSOURI

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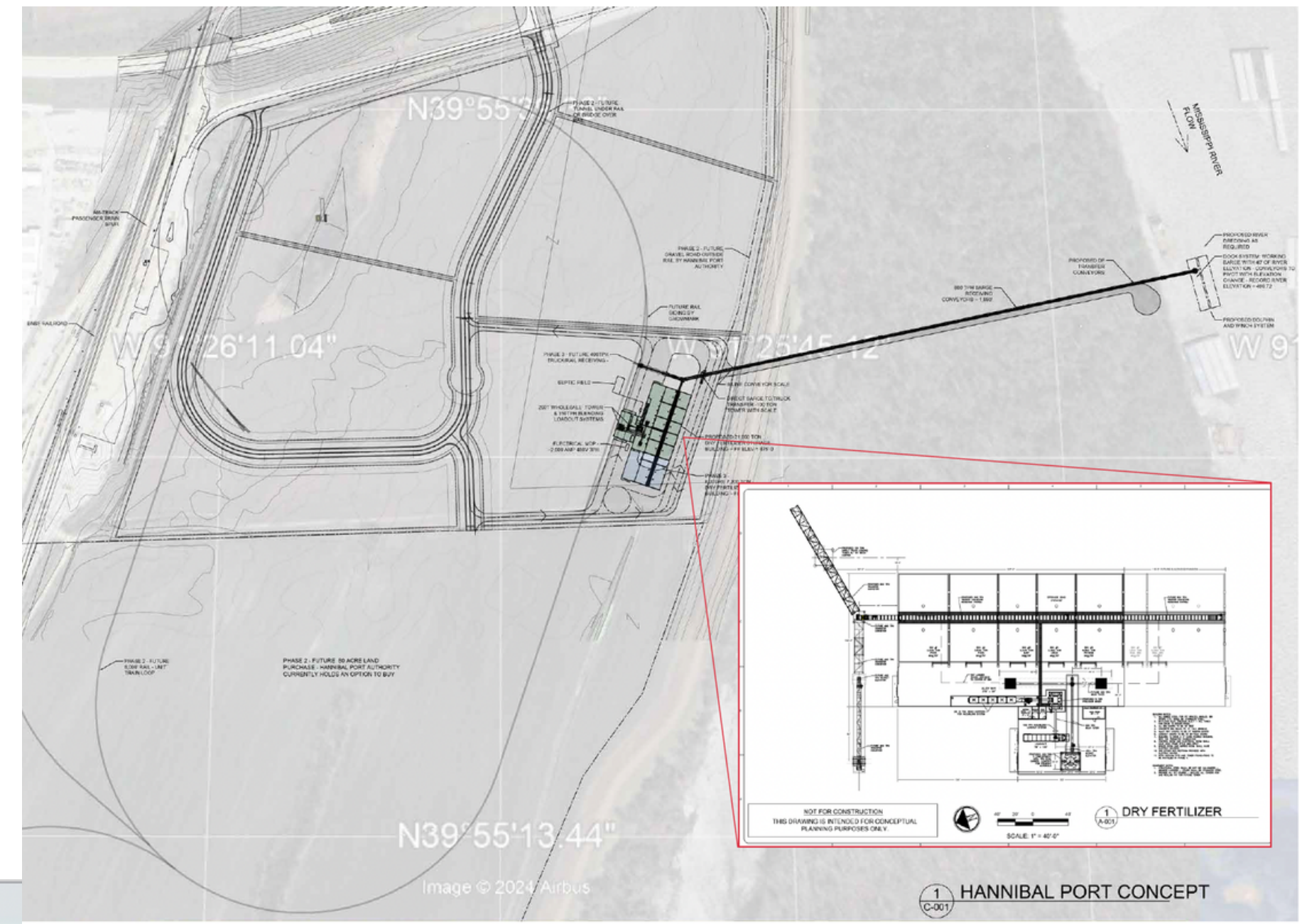
- Regional port authority formed in 2020 to strengthen Marion-Ralls logistics capacity and attract large-scale private investment
- Developing a 87-acre greenfield industrial site near West Quincy with highway, rail, and river potential

TIMELINE

- 30 years of Marion County Port Authority
- **2020** - reformation of Marion Ralls Regional Port Authority
- **2021** - feasibility study
- **2022** - 87 acre land purchase made possible by MODOT Ports Capital Improvement Program leftover funds
- **2023** - Missouri DED ARPA Industrial Site Development Grant
- **2025** - US DOT MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program submission with public partner

PIDP PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Marion-Ralls Regional Port Authority, in partnership with GROWMARK, Inc.—an Illinois-based agricultural cooperative serving retailers and cooperatives across the U.S. and Canada—plans to expand operations through a new port development. As part of this initiative, GROWMARK will construct a barge receiving dock, receiving conveyors, and a 21,000-ton Dry Fertilizer Building, which will include which will include both a wholesale loadout tower and blending loadout system. This new fertilizer blending facility will enhance the production of high-demand fertilizers and serve as a cornerstone for the broader port development envisioned by Marion and Ralls Counties. The project will strengthen the agricultural supply chain, provide local farmers with timely access to essential fertilizers, and reduce transportation costs.



KEY CONTRIBUTORS

- Missouri DOT
- Missouri Dept. of Economic Development
- Marion & Ralls County Commissions
- Federal Legislators (Rep. Sam Graves)

RESOURCES

- Travis Black/MARAD
- Inland Rivers, Ports, & Terminals
- Missouri Port Authorities Association
- International Association of Maritime & Port Executives (IAMPE)

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